

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

**S 0437 General Bill, By Campsen, Reese, Gregory, Hutto, Cleary, Campbell, Cromer, Young, Bryant, Williams, Bennett, Johnson, Hembree, O'Dell, Davis, Fair, Hayes and Verdin**

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**Summary:** James B. Edwards Civics Education Initiative

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-240 SO AS TO ENACT THE "JAMES B. EDWARDS CIVICS EDUCATION INITIATIVE" TO REQUIRE ALL STUDENTS OF PUBLIC OR CHARTER SCHOOLS OR PERSONS PURSUING A GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE IN THIS STATE TO TAKE THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP CIVICS TEST PRODUCED BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, TO DIRECT SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO AWARD A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT TO ALL STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE A GRADE OF 60 OR BETTER ON THE TEST, AND TO DIRECT THE RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS TO REPORT RESULTS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR INCLUSION IN THE REPORT CARD FOR EACH SCHOOL, AS APPLICABLE.

<b>02/10/15</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 5)</b>
<b>02/10/15</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 5)</b>
<b>03/17/15</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education (Senate Journal-page 11)</b>
<b>03/18/15</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 33)</b>
<b>03/24/15</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Amended (Senate Journal-page 24)</b>
<b>03/26/15</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time (Senate Journal-page 25)</b>
<b>03/26/15</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Roll call Ayes-44 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 25)</b>
<b>03/31/15</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 15)</b>
<b>04/14/15</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 33)</b>
<b>04/14/15</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 33)</b>